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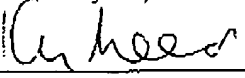
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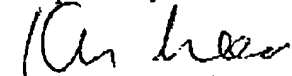
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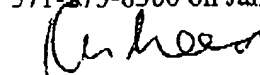
On January 12, 2006, the undersigned attorney had a telephone conference with the Examiner concerning the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief sent to Applicants' Attorney on January 6, 2006. Applicants' attorney stated that there were no "means-plus-function" or "step-plus-function" claim elements in any of the pending claims. The Examiner did not dispute this. However, the Examiner took the position that rule 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v) required appeal briefs to match functional claim language with a citation to the specification, even for claim elements that were not means or step plus function elements. (Applicants' attorney does not know whether the Examiner believes that this applies to all claims or just independent claims.) Applicants' attorney disagreed with this assertion.

Respectfully Submitted,



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